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By this Supplemental Amendment, claim 5 has been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-4 and 6-43 are pending for consideration, of which claims 1-3 and 13-14 are independent. In view of this action and the remarks submitted in the Amendment filed August 16, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all the pending rejections.

While the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise, which could be eliminated through discussions with Applicants' representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,



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